



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 5, 2005

CROPS STILL BEHIND SCHEDULE DESPITE RAIN

Soil moisture around the state is still low despite the sporadic thunderstorms during the week. **Corn** growth and silking is about 7 percent behind the 5-year average. This week's storms delayed the harvest of **winter wheat**. Only 30 percent of the **winter wheat** crop has been harvested thus far in 2005 compared to the 88 percent harvested by this time last year. There were **4.8 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains are in mostly good condition. **Barley** condition is rated 1 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 69 percent good and 17 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 1 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 25 percent excellent.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 70 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 8 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 17 percent excellent.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	97	75	98	90
Cucumbers	11	-	7	10
Green Peas	94	77	99	86
Snap Beans	5	-	24	15
Wheat	30	15	88	58
Crop Progress:				
Corn Silked	15	-	72	22
Soybeans Emerged	81	75	97	75
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	74	31	69	61
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	40	14	62	54

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	5	27	67	1
Topsoil (2004)	9	48	39	3
Five Year Average	9	21	56	14
Subsoil Moisture	3	27	70	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	38	55	-
Five Year Average	8	18	60	11

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	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.35	20.75	0.36	90	63	79	4
Easton	0.15	24.92	2.63	91	68	79	4
Frederick	1.11	17.84	-2.47	92	62	79	8
Frostburg	1.04	20.82	-3.30	89	56	72	7
Hagerstown	0.00	13.66	-6.00	91	59	79	6
Mechanicsville	0.86	22.32	-0.48	91	65	76	2
Patuxent River	1.39	19.70	-0.92	86	68	78	5
Ocean City	3.04	24.34	2.13	82	66	74	0
Salisbury	2.70	25.67	3.57	91	65	76	2
Sharpsburg	0.03	15.97	-4.34	93	56	78	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.28	21.40	2.70	94	68	81	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.75	25.21	3.37	88	66	77	2
Georgetown	1.62	22.09	0.46	89	65	77	3
Wilmington	0.91	19.46	-1.08	87	62	77	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.